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S. 605

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency assistance to producers for cattle losses that are due to damaging weather or related condition occurring during the 1996–97 winter season, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK LOSS ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
5 provide a payment to a producer who certifies to the Sec-
6 retary that the producer has suffered at least a 5 percent
7 loss in the foundation herd (including dairy cattle), or at

1 least a 5 percent loss in the offspring of the foundation
2 herd, maintained by the producer as a result of damaging
3 weather or related condition occurring during the 1996–
4 97 winter season.

5 (b) AMOUNT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
7 vided in this subsection, the amount of a payment
8 provided to a producer under this section shall equal
9 the product obtained by multiplying \$200 by 95 per-
10 cent of the number of cattle of the producer, not to
11 exceed 200 cattle, that are lost as a result of damag-
12 ing weather or related condition occurring during
13 the 1996–97 winter season.

14 (2) NO DOUBLE BENEFITS.—The total amount
15 of payments that a person shall be entitled to receive
16 under this section and any insurance indemnity pol-
17 icy maintained by the person may not exceed the ex-
18 pected value of the lost cattle.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise provided
20 in this section, the terms and conditions of chapter 3 of
21 subtitle B of title XXII of the Food, Agriculture, Con-
22 servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–624)
23 (as in effect before the repeal of that chapter by section
24 119(c) of Public Law 103–354 (108 Stat. 3208)) shall

1 apply to payments made under this section to the extent
2 determined appropriate by the Secretary.

3 (d) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding sections 251 and
4 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-
5 trol Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901, 902)—

6 (1) amounts and uses of funds made available
7 under this section are designated as emergency re-
8 quirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of
9 that Act; and

10 (2) the funds and uses shall be available only
11 to the extent that the President submits to Congress
12 an official budget request for a specific dollar
13 amount, and designates the entire amount of the re-
14 quest as an emergency requirement pursuant to that
15 Act.

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